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SECOND Ad hoc Senate Committee on Signature Programs at Western

As part of Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan - Create a distinct identity - there is a discussion of Signature Programs:

“4.2.1. In conjunction with the University Senate, create an ad hoc committee to review the concept of “Signature Status” and report recommendations to the University regarding whether this designation should be retained. Deadline: Fall 2018”

Purpose:
Provide insight for the Senate to decide whether Signature Status should be retained.

Charge:
The charge of the committee is to examine the viability and purpose of designating individual programs at Western Signature Status. Recommendations need to reflect the following.
(a) Insight gathered from across the university community.
(b) How current Signature Programs have benefited (or not) from Signature Status.
(c) Consideration of the potential applicability of Signature Status designation to non-departmental programs.

If the recommendation is to retain Signature Status designation, then suggest criteria for gaining such status, and also suggest whether/how the university should support Signature Programs.

Report recommendations to the University Senate by its December, 2019 meeting.

Membership:
One teaching faculty member from each of the four schools, one member representing the University Senate, for a total of 5 members.

How members will be selected:
Election.